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Conservative Argentine military officers are trying to force President Videla to take a tougher line on a broad range of issues, particularly subversion. Unless Videla asserts himself, the cohesion of the military will be threatened.

Videla and the advisers who share his moderate and methodical approach to national problems are trying to curb arbitrary arrests by police and military security services, compile a list of those detained, and halt vigilante-style activities by semiofficial death squads against suspected or known leftists.

Some of Videla's subordinates are also attempting to work with Peronist labor and political leaders in hopes of eventually building a base of popular support for the labor force, destroy the influence of corrupt and irresponsible politicians, and eliminate the well-entrenched leftists.

Admiral Massera

The good will and confidence initially accorded the junta at home and abroad is evaporating in the face of its inability to control right-wing terrorism. Labor and political leaders are increasingly concerned about Videla's inability to enforce the moderate line he promised on taking office.

This situation is ready-made for exploitation by leftist-extremists, particularly if Videla allows the schisms within the military to grow.

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